### SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2015-199-WS

ORDER NO. 2015-75-H

## **OCTOBER 13, 2015**

STANDING HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

#### DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service

#### **MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request for extension of pre-filing dates for Rebuttal and Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits

## STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Counsel representing Carolina Water Service, Inc. requests an extension of time for the pre-filing of Company rebuttal testimony and exhibits in the case by two days, and believes that the time for pre-filing of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits should also be extended by two days. The request of Company Counsel states that the extension would give the Company additional time to consult with the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) regarding issues raised in ORS pre-filed testimony. Company counsel also points out that, due to the closure of state government offices last week, the ORS staff has not been available until today, October 13, 2015. ORS agrees with the proposed extensions. Company counsel did serve those who had evidenced an intent to remain Intervenors with a copy of the letter, explaining the need for the proposed extensions. Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits are due on October 14, 2015, pursuant to Order No. 2015-72-H. That Order also states that Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits are due on October 21, 2015. Under the Company's extension proposal, the due dates would be extended as follows:

Company's Rebuttal Testimony (and Exhibits) Due Date would be extended from October 14, 2015 to October 16, 2015;

Office of Regulatory Staff and Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony (and Exhibits) Due Date would be extended from October 21, 2015 to October 23, 2015.

The request is reasonable, due to the need for Company consultation with ORS on its prefiled testimony in this Docket, and the unavailability of ORS Staff, due to weather-induced office closure. The request is granted. Accordingly, the new pre-filing due dates are as follows:

Company's Rebuttal Testimony (and Exhibits) Due Date: October 16, 2015;

Office of Regulatory Staff and Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony (and Exhibits) Due Date: October 23, 2015.

All revised pre-filed testimony deadlines listed herein are still subject to the other information and conditions as posted in the original July 14, 2015 pre-filing letter in this Docket. This ends the Standing Hearing Officer Directive.